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SUBJECT: FAO WORLD FOOD MEETING

REF: STATE 183798

1. IN ABSENCE DG, WHO AWAY ROME UNTIL SEPT. 19, ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY REACH DDG, CHEF DE CABINET AND ADG YRIART. FINALLY CONVEYED VIEWS OJALA, ADG, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY DEPARTMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, OJALA HAD ONLY RETURNED ROME. WAS NOT COGNIZANT DEVELOPMENTS RE PROPOSED SEPT. 20 MEETING BEYOND LAST WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12. AGREED RELAY VIEWS BOERMA OR DDG JACKSON AND PROVIDE REACTION SOONEST. EXPECT THIS WILL BE NO EARLIER MID-MONDAY. WILL ADVISE PRIORITY.

2. OJALA SEEMED GENUINELY SURPRISED HEAR AD HOC MEETING PROPOSED BY OECD. HE CONFIRMED BOERMA ALSO CALLING MEETING PERM REPS FOR 0900 FRIDAY, SEPT. 21 FOR BRIEFING RE "JOINT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNIQUE" WHICH DG HOPES WILL DEVELOP FROM SEPTEMBER 20

SESSION AND WHICH HE INTENDS RELEASE PRESS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

3. PRIOR DISCUSSION OJALA, AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE ADVISED FODAG SHE SPOKE ON INSTRUCTIONS WITH ACTING DG YRIART LATE FRIDAY. MESSAGE WAS MUCH ALONG LINES U.S. VIEWS REFTEL BUT CONCLUDED THAT, IF MEETING HELD, AUSTRALIA DOUBTED THERE SHOULD BE ATTEMPT PRODUCE AGREED COMMUNIQUE AS PROPOSED BY DG. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL MINISTER ATTEND. AUSTRALIA, LIKE FODAG, ASKED FOR RUNDOWN ON LATEST RESPONSES FROM OTHER INVITEES. YRIART WAS UNABLE PROVIDE THIS TO AUSTRALIA. OJALA KNEW OF DEFINITE RESPONSES FROM ONLY EC AND FRANCE. VOLPE

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